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STATE FOR NEA/ELA (MATTHEW IRWIN AND CHRISTINE LAWSON)

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SUBJECT: LATVIA SUPPORTIVE OF STL, NOT LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDING

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(U) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Antra Tumane, of the MFA's Middle East and Africa Division. Tumane stated that, although the GOL supports the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) politically, due to Latvia's current financial situation, the MFA would likely not be able to contribute funding for years two and three.

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